LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on **TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003,** upon the application of **CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.**

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Austin Chalk Zone**, **Reservoir A**, in the Masters Creek Field, Rapides Parish, Louisiana.

- 1. To create one additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A, to be designated AUS C RASU 78.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within said proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the proposed unit.
- 4. Except to the extent herein indicated, to extend to the proposed unit all pertinent provisions of the 1386 Series of Office of Conservation Orders and all applicable Statewide Orders.
- 5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Austin Chalk Zone in the Masters Creek Field, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1386, effective September 14, 1993.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Lafayette**, Louisiana or may be found at the following site:

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm.

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

JAMES H. WELSH COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La 2/27/03;3/5/03 L dnp

IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION - ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.